

MINUTES OF SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

2 December 19

Present:

G Walker (GW)	J Gwalter (JG)	M Davies (Martin)
M Fuller (MF)	A Ellis (AE)	P Rapsey (PR)
C Reed (CR)	Annette Hudson (AH)	A Williams (AW)
V Fuller (VF)	A Tremlett (AT)	

<p>1. Apologies: L Willicome, S Ellis, J Davies, J Donovan, G Thomas, Gill Thomas</p> <p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, matters arising from previous meeting: None</p> <p>3. Treasurers Report</p> <p>a. Papers for AGM are prepared and awaiting distribution.</p> <p>b. Title deeds for the towpath diversion have been received, now awaiting the engineering approval from CRT prior to submitting the application.</p> <p>c. Have spoken with David Morgan ref a partnership agreement for the council yard restoration. He is seeking a meeting with Mark Evans in early January. An email ref this was sent to trustees, where there were questions, these have been answered.</p> <p>d. Still awaiting a volunteer to come forward to run an ongoing fundraising scheme.</p> <p>e. Queens Award for Voluntary Service personnel have requested copies of previous minutes, and have pointed out a small discrepancy. This has now been rectified.</p> <p>4. Education Officers Report - Nil</p> <p>5. Grants and Funding</p> <p>a. Clydach Lock OK.</p> <p>b. Funding from National Lottery Community Fund is being applied for in conjunction with the Men's Shed, Heritage Centre and Friends of Coed Gwilym Park.</p> <p>c. AE Applying to various funds for Book funding.</p> <p>6. Planning Meeting Reports.</p> <p>a. Dredging going on well. They are bringing in extra lorries to take away the silt.</p> <p>b. Clydach Lock – Patrick Moss to sort out the plans.</p> <p>c. Slipway, drawings to be done then passed to CRT for approval.</p> <p>7. Promotion Sub Committee.</p> <p>a. Looking at an open day in April, including the Opening of the canoe hiring season.</p> <p>b. Extra list of volunteering jobs to be included with the promotions leaflet.</p> <p>c. Looking at links to various promotional web sites to go onto the Society's website.</p> <p>8. WRG Summer Camp 2020.</p> <p>a. Application sent – awaiting response.</p> <p>b. AW to book the Scout hut for accommodation.</p> <p>9. Canoe Hire</p> <p>a. Opening on Easter Sunday.</p> <p>10. Work Parties.</p> <p>a. This Tuesday will be split into two work parties, one in Swansea at the garden the other in the Clydach Lock site.</p> <p>b. A Safety Course is to be done for anyone using the post knocker.</p> <p>11. Web site and Social Media</p> <p>a. Working well but AE requested £34.00 to enable the website to be backed up. This was approved.</p> <p>12. Garden clearance request.</p> <p>a. Attending on 3 December.</p> <p>13. Canal History.</p> <p>a. David Evans has a work boat for the use of the Canal Society.</p> <p>b. Washing Machine water is being discharged into the canal around Herbert Street Bridge,</p>	VF
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- c. CR is working together with Ystradgynlais Heritage Centre, putting together stories on the Canal.
- d. CR would like to see more on Heritage put onto the website/leaflet.
- e. Ystalyfera aqueduct is in need of repair, the council are looking into it, especially with the heritage value. The Canal Society will also look at repairing the aqueduct.
- f. CR asks if it would be possible to put a lock on the door of the Ynysmeudwy Lock Keepers hut, to try and keep the vandals out. GW also stated that the society has a load of Welsh Slate and it is intended to redo the roof on the Lock Keepers hut with the slate.
- g. Bryn Bridge. If the farm is sold then there may be queries over access over the bridge. CR has records going back to 1981 which state about access over the bridge, as there may be a legal challenge.

14. AOB

- a. Liz Mclver has written to Gareth Edwards about becoming a Patron.
- b. Gower Activity Centre – is looking at starting on the canal in March. Three days a week, using their own equipment.
- c. Gill is to write a short piece ref litter for the January editions of the local magazines.
- d. Green Flag Community Award, does not go through CRT. The Society will continue to apply for the award keeping CRT informed of any positive results.
- e. Caroline Kendal spoke about achieving a Gold Award as the Society has over 50,000 hours. There will be an official presentation in due course.

14. DONM.

Monday 6th January 2020, 1900 at the Vardre Rugby Club. This is the AGM

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M FULLER